

Miners are Getting What They Voted For

Out of the mouth of Kraggs shall ye be condemned.

None are so blind as those who will not see—the Socialist ticket on their ballot.

What a wonderful thing patriotism is! It makes a man shout, with both fists in the air, and the patriotic blood standing crimson in his face, that he will lay down his life the next minute for "his country"—when he does not own a foot of the country, has not had a job for a month, and the wind whistles through the seat of his pants.

Roosevelt has demonstrated his position on the labor trouble in Colorado. He doesn't give a whoop for the miners out there. And why should he? Their interests do not concern him. He was not elected as a workingman, nor on a workingman's platform. He didn't pledge himself to uphold the rights of the laborers against the rights of the capitalists. When union men exclaim that he has betrayed the labor vote that elected him they make a big mistake. The labor vote elected him, but for what purpose? To serve labor's interests? Not much. It elected him to uphold and perpetuate wage slavery. And they are getting just exactly what they voted for. The workingmen who voted for Roosevelt betrayed themselves and their fellow workers, and he is proving it to them now in Colorado.

Workingmen, union men, don't give Roosevelt your vote again this year. Support a man whose whole life is bound up with the struggle of the working class. Vote for Parker.

The spectacle of a minister of the gospel taking active part in an association opposed to the organized labor movement should be enough to make every workingman class conscious.

The capitalist class controls the church just as completely as it does every other social institution. And uses it to promote its own class interests. Sermons are preached from pulpits of gold donated by the rich, out of their plunderings of the working class. The word of the Lord is translated

ed into the modern commercial tongue. It offers not a ray of hope to they that are weary and heavy laden. Our preachers do not tell of Jesus as he was—a workingman and a despiser of riches. They preach the religion of their economic masters—that if the poor will be content with their lot, submit to the lifelong exploitation that ceases only at the grave, they will be rewarded with a mansion in the skies.

The class conscious workingman says "Rot upon such stuff. My soul's salvation does not depend upon my giving up all that is good, and high, and noble in this life and offering myself as a sacrifice to a lot of human vampires."

Ministers who belong to the Citizens' Alliance and kindred organizations, here is a point for you to consider: Jesus was a carpenter. There were powerful trades unions during his life, to which practically every tradesman belonged. Is it not altogether probable that the carpenter of Galilee was a member of the union of his craft? Or do you choose to believe that your Saviour, in his character as a workingman, was a scab?

T. P. HUGHES

The populists have placed their national ticket in the field, composed of Tom Watson of Georgia and "Squaw-man" Tibbles of Nebraska as vice president. Watson was one of the strong opponents to fusion a few years ago, even though he was made a second tail to Bryan's kite. However, the fusion trouble didn't bother him much this year. The absence of a scintilla of principle in the Bryan following was the cause of their small gathering. Mr. Tibbles, who has edited the Nebraska Independent for some years, is too old to know that the populist party is dead, consequently he and Watson are just the two men to head the ticket whose party following was laid to rest in the graveyard some few years ago, death caused by democratic microbes.



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Many of the Socialist papers are making the mistake of criticising President Roosevelt for not taking a hand in the Colorado trouble. Roosevelt's stand so far has been correct, and those who believe

that he should send the troops into that state should read the dissenting opinion of one of Colorado's judges and then reflect over the same.

Under Socialism every child will be given a good education, musical learning, all the necessities of life, such as food, clothing, shelter, etc., which is not the case at the present. But you laborers do not want Socialism, because your children would have equal opportunities with the rich man's children. Keep on voting the old party tickets if you like the present system.

BARNUM ON THE DEFENSIVE.

The Great Showman and Three Curiosities of His Museum.

Mr. Barnum's innate and exuberant love of a joke, which was a trait maternally inherited, and his frequent habit of self depreciation were not always quite understood by the public. He therefore suffered sometimes from too much of his own disparaging frankness. His first autobiography, issued in 1855, was not meant to be taken as literal truth, but it was so taken, and the criticism of it was very bitter. The soberer matter of fact public of that day did not see the Pickwickian sense and the orientalism of statement that pervaded it. The cold type could not carry with it the twinkling of the author's eye.

The three things, however, which brought upon him the sharpest criticism were the three curiosities of his show which were called Joyce Heth, the Woolly Horse, and the Fee Gee Mermaid. The first of these was said to be Washington's body servant and was given an incredible age; the second one was a real colt that was a freak; the last was probably of Japanese manufacture. Mr. Barnum constructed neither the second nor the third, but bought them from exhibitors, and he was himself fooled at first by the certificates of Joyce Heth's history.

Barnum frankly admits in his biography that he employed two of them to advertise his museum and was not trying to make their history too exact in announcing them. He romanced somewhat, he says regretfully, in describing the horse, born in Indiana, as a curiosity discovered by Colonel Fremont in the Rocky mountains, but did this to call attention to a museum of curiosities of which it, with the other two, was merely a fractional part. He said he should not do this again, and expressed a wish that it had not been done at all. The best palliation he could plead for these schemes was that without them he did give a big money's worth to all who visited his museum. No perfectly ethical defense beyond this was offered.—Joel Benton in Century.



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